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Letter dated 5 September 2017 from the Permanent Representative of the Russian Federation to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General and the President of the Security Council

I have the honour to present herewith a draft Security Council resolution on the establishment of a United Nations Support Mission to Protect the Special Monitoring Mission of the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE SMM) in Southeast Ukraine (see annex).

I would appreciate your kind assistance in having the present letter and its annex circulated for the consideration of the members of the Security Council. Consultations will be held in due course.

(*Signed*) Vassily **Nebenzia**

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Annex to the letter dated 5 September 2017 from the Permanent Representative of the Russian Federation to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General and the President of the Security Council

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The Security Council,

Recalling the purposes and principles enshrined in the Charter of the United Nations and *reaffirming* its full respect for the sovereignty, independence and territorial integrity of Ukraine,

Expressing its grave concern at the tragic events and violence in eastern regions of Ukraine,

Supporting the work of the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe Special Monitoring Mission (OSCE SMM) to Ukraine,

Firmly convinced that the resolution of the situation in eastern regions of Ukraine can only be achieved through the full implementation of the "Package of measures for the Implementation of the Minsk Agreements", endorsed by resolution 2202 (2015) and adopted and signed in Minsk on 12 February 2015,

1. *Reaffirms unconditionally* its resolution 2202 (2015), which endorsed the "Package of measures for the Implementation of the Minsk Agreements", adopted and signed in Minsk on 12 February 2015;

2. *Calls* for the full, comprehensive and consistent implementation of the "Package of measures", including a comprehensive ceasefire as provided for therein;

3. *Calls further* for the Contact Group to agree upon and subsequently take practical steps to implement arrangements for the disengagement of forces and equipment from the de facto line of contact and *supports* the deployment of OSCE SMM observer groups in the disengagement zones for effective monitoring in accordance with its mandate;

4. *Stresses* the need to ensure the security of the OSCE SMM observer groups monitoring the de facto line of contact;

5. *Decides* to establish for a period of six months, following the complete disengagement of forces and equipment from the de facto line of contact, a United Nations Support Mission to Protect OSCE SMM in Southeast Ukraine, the head of which shall report directly to the Secretary-General;

6. *Decides further* that the United Nations Support Mission to Protect OSCE SMM in Southeast Ukraine shall be a mission equipped with small arms and light weapons mandated exclusively to ensure the security of the OSCE SMM observer groups exercising 24-hour monitoring in zones where forces and equipment have been disengaged from the de facto line of contact between territory under the control of the armed forces of Ukraine and territory of certain areas of the Donetsk and Luhansk regions of Ukraine;

7. *Decides also* that the mandate of United Nations Support Mission to Protect OSCE SMM in Southeast Ukraine shall include the coordination of its activities on the ground with the Joint Centre for Control and Coordination;

8. *Requests* the Secretary-General to start preparatory work without delay and to present as soon as possible to the Security Council for its consideration and approval detailed recommendations with regard to the size and national composition

of the United Nations Support Mission to Protect OSCE SMM in Southeast Ukraine and also regarding the other aspects of its mandate set out in paragraphs 6 and 7 above, agreed with the Government of Ukraine and representatives of certain areas of the Donetsk and Luhansk regions of Ukraine;

9. *Decides* to remain seized of the matter.